

WEST INDIAN CYCLONE.

KEY WEST SEVERELY DAMAGED BY TERRIBLE STORM.

Hundreds of Buildings Wrecked and Many Vessels Swept Away—Estimated That the Damage Will Exceed Two Million Dollars.

Key West, Fla., Oct. 11.—As a result of the hurricane which struck the southern coast of Florida this morning, Key West tonight is a mass of wreckage and the damage to property is estimated at \$2,000,000. Martial law was proclaimed by the mayor at 6 o'clock and the Key West guards are patrolling the city.

The United States government has been asked to dispatch troops here without delay, to assist in patrolling the storm-swept area.

Chaos reigns on every hand and few people remain in their homes, hundreds of which have either been totally wrecked or damaged. It is impossible at this hour to say whether there has been loss of life, but it is feared many lives have been claimed along the coast.

It is known that many have received more or less serious injury and reports are current that several lives have been lost, but these have not been verified.

The storm reached its height at 1 o'clock this afternoon, when the wind reached an estimated velocity of 100 miles an hour.

There was a hard, steady blow from 8 a. m. to 3 p. m., when the wind began to die down and by 4 o'clock the centre of the hurricane had passed this point.

While the hurricane is the worst that Key West has ever experienced, the local weather observer announced tonight that the indications are that the entire east coast of Florida will suffer terribly tonight.

Of 100 local vessels in the harbor this morning but five remain at anchor, the others having either gone to sea or been washed up on the beaches. The streets along the water front are a mass of wreckage.

Brick as well as frame buildings throughout the city suffered alike from the fury of the heavy wind and many miraculous escapes from death or serious injury have been reported.

Besides the several score of residences either totally wrecked or blown from their pillars, nine factories were partially destroyed, including the Habana-American, Martinez, Nicholas, Rue Lopez, Manuel Lopez, Felitas Torres, Cortes and Wolf cigar manufactories.

No. 1 and No. 3 engine houses of the city fire department were destroyed, the firemen narrowly escaping, and several of the horses were killed. The top of the First National Bank was blown off, the postoffice damaged and two running gears of the government coaling station were wrecked.

Every telephone and electric light pole on Duval street, the principal thoroughfare of the city, was blown down.

As soon as the wind had subsided plundering began. The city police force was unable to cope with the situation and the mayor decided to take stringent measures to suppress the looting, his proclamation of martial law resulting.

Almost every nationality is represented among the city's population of more than 20,000, about half of whom are employed in the cigar manufactories, sponge fisheries and salvage companies.

BIG BLOW STRIKES CUBA.

Cyclone Going 120 Miles Per Hour Does Great Damage.

Havana, Oct. 11.—The most serious cyclone since the big blow of October 17, 1906, struck Cuba early this morning, causing extensive devastation through the whole western portion of the island. In the city of Havana many minor buildings were blown down or unroofed; almost all the trees were uprooted and five persons were killed, one by an electric wire and the others by falling buildings. About 25 persons were injured.

The greatest damage was done in the harbor, where forty or fifty lighters, launches and small tugs were either sunk or blown ashore. At Casa Blanca great anxiety was felt throughout the city for the safety of the Ward Liner Morro Castle, from New York, and the Plant Line steamer Miami, from Key West. Both of these steamers, however, arrived safely at 5:30 this afternoon, having kept off shore for hours awaiting an abatement of the storm.

The total damage in Havana and vicinity is estimated at \$1,000,000. The greatest individual loss has been caused by the destruction of half the coal elevator conveyors of the Havana Coal Company at Casa Blanca, estimated at \$200,000. It will be possible to raise the greater number of the wrecked lighters and other craft.

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SUPREME COURT CONVENES.

Two of the Justices Absent on Account of Illness.

Washington, Oct. 11.—After a recess of more than four months, and with only Chief Justice Fuller and Justices Harlan, Brewer, White, Holmes, McKenna and Day present, the Supreme Court of the United States today began the regular term for the next twelve months. Justices Peckham and Moody were both absent on account of illness, reducing the court to unusually small proportions.

Ordinarily the court devotes the first day of its sitting to a call of state upon the president, but the absence of that high official rendering this procedure impracticable, business was proceeded with as far as possible.

Many Important Cases on Docket.

Washington, Oct. 12.—Twenty-one cases to which Uncle Sam is a party are on the calendar of the United States Supreme Court for today. All will not be heard today, but it is expected that they will be taken up and argued in their order.

The most important case put down for argument is that of the American Tobacco Company, brought on behalf of the Federal government to declare the company an unlawful combination or trust in restraint of trade and to dissolve it. The case will be argued on behalf of the government by Attorney General Wickersham and Special United States Attorney McReynolds.

Another important case is that of the Interstate Commerce Commission against Stickney et al, which involves the validity of a ruling of the Interstate Commerce Commission limiting the charge for transportation of cattle over all the roads out of Chicago. On complaint and hearing the commission decided to cut the rate in half and the carriers resisted and took the case into the courts. There is a very wide interest in the outcome of this case among the carriers and on the part of the cattle growers' associations of the Western States.

A case in which the government suffered a reverse in the lower courts and which is to be heard on appeal in the Supreme Court is that of the United States against the Union Supply Company. It is to settle the question whether the statutes requiring dealers in bleomargarine to make reports applies to corporations as well as to individual dealers. The Federal court in New Jersey held that it did not apply to corporations, but the government contends that it does and Lloyd W. Bowers, Solicitor-General of the United States, will appear and make the argument for the government's contention.

Another case that is attracting wide attention involves the question whether the alien contract labor law allows the indictment of offenders or merely imposes a debt penalty. This question will come before the Court of Appeals from the United States Court for the District of Massachusetts. Other cases in which the government will appear as a party involve the title to many millions of acres of Indian lands of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations. The Hinkle and Price cotton leak cases, which involve the right of the government to have the defendants removed from New York to the District of Columbia for trial under indictments found here, will also be heard early in the term.

CONVICT LEAPS FROM TRAIN.

Handcuffed Negro in Route to Raleigh From New York Escapes.

Tivoli, N. Y., Oct. 11.—Edward Davis, alias King, a negro convict, jumped from a New York Central express train, near here today and disappeared. He was discharged from Dannemora yesterday and was being taken by a warden to a North Carolina prison, from which he had escaped. The train had slowed down, and King, notwithstanding that he was handcuffed, jumped from a platform of a sleeping car. He rolled over and over, but regained his feet and disappeared in the fog. The warden jumped after him, but was too badly cut and bruised to give pursuit.

King escaped from the State prison at Raleigh, N. C., six years ago, while awaiting trial for murder. He was afterwards arrested in Brooklyn, and sent to Dannemora for five years.

WANT POLE DISPUTE SETTLED.

National Geographic Society to Ask Remsen to Name Arbitrators.

Washington, Oct. 11.—The National Geographic Society, in response to a proposal from the Peary Arctic Club, today adopted a resolution agreeing to join the American Geographical Society and the American Museum of Natural History in requesting Dr. Ira Remsen, president of the National Academy of Sciences, to appoint a committee to examine a report on the Arctic records, observations and data of Commander Robt. E. Peary and Dr. Frederick A. Cook.

Where are the busted trusts of the yesterday years? — Washington Herald.

CURTAILMENT RECOMMENDED

Executive Committee State Manufacturers' Association Meets at Greenville.

Greenville, Oct. 11.—The executive committee of the South Carolina Cotton Manufacturers' Association held a meeting here today, and discussed several matters of importance to the industry, especially mutual insurance and organization of a Southern mill mutual insurance company.

The committee also urged that cotton buyers discontinue the practice of buying cotton at gins, and let the cotton come to the regular markets. A resolution also was adopted approving the action taken at the meeting in Charlotte Friday by the Manufacturers' Association looking to curtailment. Committees were appointed to communicate with the mills in regard to carrying out the curtailment agreement.

A resolution was passed objecting to the extra amount of bagging now being put on bales by some ginners in violation of the State law as to tare and in violation of the rules of the Cotton Buyers' Association, which limits the amount of tare to 20 pounds for soft cotton, and 24 pounds for compressed cotton to the bale.

CHINA BITTER AGAINST JAPAN.

Inflammatory Circulars Issued, Urging Boycotting of Latter Country.

Tokio, October 11.—Copies of circulars, issued in North China by a body of Chinese calling themselves the "Popular Association of Three Eastern Provinces," and spread broadcast among Chinese of the lower classes, have created something of a sensation upon their receipt in Japan. The circulars contain inflammatory statements against the Japanese. They bear upon what is called the weakness of poor China and "the insulting aggression of Japan."

Assertions are made that Japan has devastated the arable lands of North China, has enslaved laborers along the line of the Antung-Mukden Railroad; that Japanese officials have beaten the men, insulted the women and terrorized the people.

The circulars point that the weakness of China in a military sense makes it impossible for her to resist this treatment except by a boycott, and call upon the people of China generally to refuse all dealings with the Japanese. All students and persons who value freedom are called upon to propagate the doctrines of the association. Failing in this, they are threatened with vengeance and even death.

The document concludes with the request that Chinese vehicles, vessels and railroads refuse to carry Japanese goods. An endless chain is sought in the request that patriotic citizens into whose hands the circular may fall shall have them reprinted and scattered broadcast, until Japan is completely shut out from all commercial communication with China.

Efforts are being made to prevent the spreading of their contents among Japanese of the ignorant class, because of the danger of arousing feeling at this time. Meanwhile there is reason to believe that Japan has called or will immediately call the attention of the Chinese authorities to the illegality of the boycott propaganda, demanding that the circulars be outlawed as illegal documents and that the "Popular Association of the Three Eastern Provinces" be disciplined.

PELLAGRA CONFERENCE PLANNED.

Meeting National in Its Scope to be Held at Columbia.

Columbia, Oct. 11.—When Dr. Williams, Dr. Babcock and Dr. Watson started on the movement of having a conference here during Fair Week, to discuss pellagra, it was thought that the scope should be local. The idea was to have physicians from all parts of the State come during Fair Week to discuss the newly identified disease. The demand soon came for a conference of wider scope and the idea grew until now it is a full size national gathering. Fair Week is perhaps a bad time for such a gathering, but it has been called for that time.

ROBBED THE DISPENSARY.

Two White Men and Three Negroes Arrested at Hollyhill.

As the result of the investigations made through a High Point, N. C., detective agency, two white men, Dispenser J. H. Martin and Steven Boykin, and three negroes, James Jamison, C. C. Sweat and Fred Edwards, are in arrest at Hollyhill for robbing the Hollyhill dispensary of \$600 worth of booze on the 7th of last month charged with burglary and grand larceny. They were granted bail of \$1,000 each.

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POLAR BEARS TO DRAW SLEDGES

Danish Explorer to Use Bruin as Draft Animal, Instead of Eskimo Dog.

Hamburg, Oct. 10.—Capt. Ronald Amundsen, the well-known Danish explorer, who is about to start on a Polar expedition, has decided to try a remarkable innovation in the use of draught animals for polar travel. He will endeavor to make polar bear draw his sledges.

Some time ago Capt. Amundsen made a contract with Carl Eagenback, the famous animal trainer, for twenty ice bears 3 year's old. Hagenbeck's men have been industriously at work for a month training the bears. The animals will be shipped to Christiania this week, where they will be taken on board Capt. Amundsen's ship.

FIRE THREATENED COLUMBIA.

Automobile Garage and Old Carolina Hall Burned.

Columbia, Oct. 11.—The business section of Columbia was threatened for a time early today as the result of a fire of unknown origin, destroying the Carolina Garage and the old Carolina Hall, located on Hampton avenue, in the rear of the Main street business houses.

The estimated loss is between \$12,000 and \$15,000. Two houses, the property of the Southern Express Company, were burned. Five or six automobiles of various sizes were in the garage at the time and were destroyed. There was no insurance on the automobiles. No one was injured. The entire Columbia fire department was called out and did excellent work in confining the flames to the two structures.

CAROLINA AGENCY CASE PUT OFF.

Hearing Set for Yesterday Postponed Several Days.

Columbia, Oct. 11.—The Carolina Agency hearing before Judge Memminger for the officers and agents of the Carolina Agency to show cause why a receiver should not be appointed for the agency has been postponed until Friday, or very probably next week. The hearing was to have been held today before Judge Memminger. The attorneys for the defendants made the request of the attorneys for the plaintiffs that the hearing be postponed, as they had not had sufficient time to prepare their argument. The plaintiff's attorneys agreed to the postponement and it was so ordered by Judge Memminger.

RECORD CORN YIELD.

Orangeburg Farmer Raises 100 Bushels on the Acre.

It looks as if Mr. John W. Gramling, one of the up-to-date farmers of the county, who resides in the Middlepen section, will take the cake for the largest yield of corn on one acre, says the Orangeburg Sun.

Mr. Gramling has just had the corn and the field measured by Messrs. George E. Stroman and Robert S. Connor, and the production on one acre is 106 2-3 bushels, and 160 bushels to an acre and a half.

The entire field will average a fraction more than two ears to the stalk. One stalk grew two "suckers," and on the main stalk and on each sucker there were two fine ears. The two suckers grew to the same height as the main stalk—and all from one grain of corn. Another stalk grew to the height of 17 feet and had three ears on it.

Unfortunately Mr. Gramling did not get into the County Union corn contest or the State contest, but he says that next year he is going into all of them, and believes he can increase the production over this year, as he has learned some things from experience.

Just now Mr. Gramling's friends are wondering if there is any other farmer in the county who can beat his record this year.

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ROSTER OF CASES.

For Court of Common Pleas.

The Sumter Bar Association met at the office of the Clerk of Court under the call of Chairman R. D. Lee, Esq., and prepared the following roster of cases to be tried at the October term of court:

MONDAY 25TH.

3. Leah Hunter et al vs. Alfred Owen et al. L. D. Jennings; Lee & Moise.

9. Joseph Howard vs. A. C. L. R. Co. L. D. Jennings; P. A. Willcox, Mark Reynolds.

11. Edwin Wilson vs. H. J. Harby administrator of Estate N. A. Barnes. J. H. Clifton; Lee & Moise.

TUESDAY 26TH.

12. G. A. Guignard vs. First Baptist Church. D. W. Robinson, A. B. Stuckey; Lee & Moise.

17. Daisy Simpson vs. S. B. Simpson. F. R. Simpson, M. Reynolds; D. D. Moise.

20. Myers & Gaillard vs. Sou. Ry. Co. L. D. Jennings; E. M. Thomson, Mark Reynolds.

WEDNESDAY 27TH.

23. Jos. B. Player et al vs. Henry Weinberg, et al. J. H. Clifton; Lee & Moise.

24. C. L. McLeod, W. S. Poole vs. F. M. Dwight. L. D. Jennings; Lee & Moise.

25. Ada Tennant vs. Northwestern R. R. L. D. Jennings; Lee & Moise.

THURSDAY 28TH.

26. W. D. Scarborough vs. N. W. R. Co. T. B. Fraser; Lee & Moise.

27. Ferdinand Levi and Lilly M. Levi vs. Sou. Ry. Co. Lee & Moise; E. M. Thomson, Mark Reynolds.

28. W. L. Saunders vs. Sou. Ry. Co. Lee & Moise; E. M. Thomson, Mark Reynolds.

FRIDAY 29TH.

30. Jas. C. Spann vs. W. T. McInvalle. L. D. Jennings; H. C. Haynsworth.

31. Margaret G. Lenoir vs. Sou. Ry. Co. L. D. Jennings; E. M. Thomson, M. Reynolds.

33. T. B. Reynolds vs. R. L. Arrants. C. Capers Smith; L. D. Jennings.

34. Malinda L. Levan vs. A. C. L. R. Co. L. D. Jennings; P. A. Willcox, M. Reynolds.

SATURDAY 30TH.

35. R. I. Manning and G. A. Lemon, Trustees, vs. Brown & Jones. Lee & Moise; L. D. Jennings.

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36. First National Bank vs. J. L. Alnutt. Lee & Moise; J. H. Clifton.

38. Booth Live Stock Co. vs. J. M. Reasonover. D. D. Moise; Haynsworth & Haynsworth.

39. Emma Jamison vs. S. R. Chandler. J. H. Clifton; L. D. Jennings.

40. Jas. Barrett vs. Annie Stukes. A. B. Stuckey; R. O. Purdy.

TUESDAY 2ND.

41. Saphronia Jackson vs. Independent Order of Knights of Wise Men. R. Dozier Lee; M. J. Frederick.

42. Griffin & McLeod Mer. Co. vs. A. C. L. R. Co. T. G. McLeod; P. A. Willcox, Mark Reynolds.

43. Building & Supply Co. vs. C. E. Jones. D. D. Moise; L. D. Jennings.

WEDNESDAY 3RD.

44. Rosa G. Jackson vs. Sou. Ry. Co. L. D. Jennings; E. M. Thomson, M. Reynolds.

45. E. A. Jackson vs. Sou. Ry. Co. L. D. Jennings; E. M. Thomson, M. Reynolds.

46. Arthur M. Lowry vs. Betts Lumber Co. L. D. Jennings; C. L. Cuttino, T. B. Fraser.

THURSDAY 4TH.

47. S. B. Griffith vs. Betts Lumber Co. L. D. Jennings; C. L. Cuttino, T. B. Fraser.

49. Lillie Delgar Dorn vs. Pullman Palace Car Co. and Sou. Ry. Co. Lee & Moise; E. M. Thomson, J. T. Barton, R. O. Purdy.

50. W. R. Gardner vs. A. C. L. R. Co. Lee & Moise; P. A. Willcox, Mark Reynolds.

FRIDAY 5TH.

51. S. R. Mahoney et al vs. R. M. Edens, McLaughlin & Tatum, P. A. Murray, Jr., C. J. Colclock, Purdy & Bland.

Resolved, That no cause shall lose its position on the calendar by reason of the same not being reached and called for trial on the day assigned, but such cause shall stand in regular order to be called for trial when the same is reached in due course.

Resolved, That the presiding judge be requested to devote the 4th week of the fall term of court for Sumter to the hearing of cases not requiring the intervention of a jury.

William Springer, white, and Jourdon Black, colored, engaged in a duel with shot guns, near Charleston. Both were wounded.

Consider, also, pemmican. It does not require any benzoate of soda to keep it in the climate where it is most in vogue.—Indianapolis News.

Judge Gaynor probably wishes he could forget having said he would sooner play golf with the devil than with Croker.—Boston Herald.

KEY WEST IN RUINS.

Over 500 Houses Destroyed by Storm And More Than 100 Ships Wrecked—Seven Churches Also Levelled.

Key West, Oct. 12.—Half the city is practically in ruins. Over 500 houses have been destroyed and more than 100 ships wrecked as a result of the hurricane which swept this city yesterday afternoon. Seven churches and nine of the largest cigar factories in the South also were destroyed.

Thousands of men are now at work clearing up the streets under the direction of Mayor Fogarty.

One death is reported, that of Frank Gray, a photographer.

Today hundreds of homeless were roaming the streets. Fortunately the weather is bright and warm, and there is little physical suffering.

The war department has instructed the commandant of the coast artillery companies stationed here to aid the city authorities in every way possible and tents and bedding will be distributed by the soldiers.

At this time no estimate can be given of the financial loss caused by the storm, but it is believed it will be between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000. It will be weeks, and in some instances months, before the big tobacco factories will be able to resume operations and business generally will be at a standstill for at least several days.

FOREST WORK AT BILTMORE.

Investigations on Vanderbilt Estate Considered Important.

Washington, Oct. 11.—In point of variety and scope the forest work done on the Biltmore estate, in North Carolina, is remarkable. The forests, which cover 130,000 acres, are made profitable by the production of various forms of material.

Four million feet of lumber, 5,000 cords of tannic-acid wood and fuel, a thousand cords of tan bark, and several hundred cords of pulp wood are cut every year. At the same time, the forest, through wise management, is bettered and is steadily increasing in value. Workmen employed along the boundaries of the forest do duty as fire guards. Thus fire protection is secured at least throughout all the accessible parts of the tract.

In connection with all lumbering operations, permanent logging roads are built. These minimize the present cost of transportation, and will greatly reduce the cost of marketing future crops. Thus the extension of the roads is steadily adding to the investment value of the forest. Moreover, they serve also as a network of fire lines. Forest planting is practiced where fire will not threaten its success.

The experimental work in silviculture, which is done at Biltmore, is certain to make important additions to the science and practice of forestry.

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